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SAN DIEGO POLICE INVESTIGATE SUSPICIOUS DEATH OF 2-YEAR-OLD

(San Diego) The San Diego Police Homicide Unit assisted by detectives from the police department's Child Abuse Unit is investigating the suspicious circumstances surrounding the death of a 2-year-old boy.

Yesterday, at about 7:20 p.m., police officers and paramedics received a 911 call from an adult male residing at 10210 San Diego Mission Road. The caller stated that his 2-year-old son was unconscious and not breathing. Dispatch personnel assisted the parent with CPR efforts until the arrival of emergency personnel at approximately 7:25 p.m. The child was immediately transported to Rady Children's Hospital, where it was determined that severe head trauma was the likely cause of his medical distress. Emergency medical care was provided however the child was not expected to survive his injuries. The young boy was pronounced dead this evening at 5:00 p.m.

The early investigation has revealed that yesterday, prior to the 911 call, the child began to experience seizure like symptoms perhaps related to a previous head injury. The cause and the extent of that injury are being investigated by detectives. Both parents are cooperating with police at this point in the investigation. The identification of the decedent is being withheld pending further notification of family members and the results of an autopsy, which is expected to be performed tomorrow afternoon.

The cause of death will not be determined until completion of the autopsy.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to telephone the SDPD Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.